

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS - SUBMIT BY MARCH 16, 2018



North Carolina Beach Inlet & Waterway Association (NCBIWA)

Local Governments Meeting

April 23 & 24, 2018

Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium, N.C.

NCBIWA's annual Local Governments Meeting will focus on key policy and technical issues facing North Carolina's coast. The annual meeting continues to attract a diverse cross-section of local government managers, planners and elected officials; State and federal resource managers and regulators; practicing and research engineers, geologists, biologists, oceanographers, and environmental specialists; real estate and insurance professionals; commerce and tourism authorities; and the marine trade and boating industries.

THE FOLLOWING THEMES COULD BE THE FOCAL POINT FOR SEVERAL SESSIONS, HOWEVER WE ARE LOOKING FOR AND WELCOME ABSTRACTS ON ANY COASTAL OR MARINE TOPIC IN ADDITION TO THOSE PROVIDED BELOW;

- **Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Exploration** – Political Realities, Environmental Consequences, and Economic Impacts of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM's) Proposed Draft Leasing Program for 2019-2024 **AND** beyond. Industry Experiences & Technologic Advancements, Geology & Geophysical Studies, Marine Mammal behaviors, assessments, and implications; development of the Incidental Harassment Assessment, or other.
- **Beach and Inlet Shore Protection/Mitigation Projects** – Project summaries and assessments for beach nourishment and inlet stabilization projects. Sand source delineation, jetties and groins (construction and performance), nourishment template design, inlet relocation efforts, and permitting in North Carolina and abroad. New Funding paradigms on the federal, State, or local level.
- **Shallow Draft Waterway & Coastal Waters Planning, Funding, and Projects** – Studies, dredged material management, easement issues, funding, economic impacts, or other. Advantages and disadvantages, and/or case-studies of a State-owned dredge approach, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers federal fleet, and the industry.
- **National Flood Insurance Policy (NFIP) & Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)** – Status and experiences concerning the N.C. Floodplain Mapping Program's preliminary FIRM maps as they transition from preliminary to effective across the N.C. Coastal Plain. National perspectives regarding NFIP reform, the Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC), and the reauthorization of the program in general. Insurance implications of recent changes in BW-12 and GW-14.
- **Onshore and Offshore Renewable Energy** – Solar energy capacity and generation in North Carolina, Wind project(s) updates and lessons learned. Regulatory, economic, and environmental considerations and realities. Ocean current, tidal, and wave energy research and developments.

If you have a relevant presentation or would like to augment the above topics, please submit an abstract to Kathleen Riely, Executive Director at ncbiwa@gmail.com **prior to close of business on Friday, March 16th**. Please feel free to forward this email to any contacts in your profession or interest.

In order to facilitate review of the abstracts, please note they should be no longer than one page; and must include your name, affiliation, and contact information, including email address. The abstracts can be submitted in .doc., docx, or .pdf formats and presentations will be for 20 – 30 minutes depending on the volume of abstracts/presentations that are received. The abstract should generally describe the content of the proposed presentation and why it may be of interest to conference attendees. All abstracts will be reviewed, ranked, and selected for acceptance or refusal. You will be notified on **March 23rd** if your abstract has been accepted for a presentation. All speakers are responsible for all registration, travel, and lodging costs.